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**REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF
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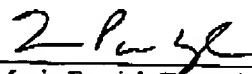
The undersigned sent the attached Request for Investigation to the Group Director in connection with the status of the above National Stage application which was filed on March 28, 2001, over three years ago. Attached is a copy of the Request without the attachments.

In view of the history of the application and the amount of time which has passed, Applicants respectfully request acknowledgment that the Group Director has received the Request for Investigation given the unusual circumstances surrounding this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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The undersigned requests the assistance of the Group Director in connection with the status of the above National Stage application which was filed on March 28, 2001, over three years ago. As shown in the attached papers, the application went abandoned in June, 2002 because an Office action was not received. The application was revived in September, 2002 and the filing receipt and Notice of Acceptance was received. In August, 2003, the undersigned was informed that the application was in the File Repository as an abandoned file. After a status inquiry, the undersigned was advised in a letter from the PCT Legal Examiner that the application had been forwarded to Tech Center 1700 for examination. Copies of these communications are attached.

In response to the attached Status Inquiry of July 26, 2004 the undersigned received a telephone message from a USPTO employee on August 10. The employee stated her name which was not intelligible from the recording. She did not leave any telephone number. She stated that the above application was abandoned and that Examiner Lovering should be contacted regarding the application. She did not provide a telephone number for the examiner.

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According to the USPTO employee locator, there is no employee by the name of "Lovering". This problem was encountered in previous attempts by telephone to learn the status of the application. It appears that the USPTO files have not been updated to show that the application is pending and the name of the current examiner.

In view of the history of the application and the amount of time which has passed, Applicants respectfully request the Group Director's assistance in obtaining a prompt investigation of the status of the application. The undersigned also requests a written response to this status inquiry for the record and for a report to Applicants given the unusual circumstances surrounding this application.

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